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## Agenda 11/09/2009

Diversity Task Group

Arlington Vision 2020

Agenda for Monday, November 9, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Jefferson Cutter House, Lower Level, Arlington Center
Enter through parking lot behind Jefferson Cutter House

Our Goal: Making sure Arlington is a welcoming town!

## Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Someone to take short meeting minutes this evening.
- 3. Updates/Reports:
  - Diversity Coffee Social for professional staff in the Arlington Public Schools, including next steps in developing an on-going group for discussion and support.
  - Diversity Task Group Town Day table, including representation from the Sudanese Education Fund and Community Center located in East Arlington. Outreach to people who signed up for the DTG at Town Day.
  - Programs and a Cultural Event (Nov. 7, 2pm, Arlington Town Hall), part of Arlington's Community Read, highlighting the experiences of the "Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan."
- Additional Ways the Diversity Task Group might collaborate with the Sudanese Education Fund and Community Center.
- 5. Planning for the Second Annual Diversity/Disability Job Fair in the spring, in collaboration with the Disability Commission.
  - Date??
- 6. Brainstorming possible Diversity Task Group projects:
  - Assessing the diversity of Arlington Town committees and commissions, with a view towards increasing their diversity.
  - Other ideas
- 9. Other Business

Schedule of future meetings for 2010 (often the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month). January 11, March 8, May 10.

For more information or suggestions, please feel free to contact: Gregg Ames, Chair, at 781-777-1156 or <a href="mailto:spames63@yahoo.com">spames63@yahoo.com</a> Miriam Stein at 781-648-0255 or <a href="mailto:miriam.stein@comcast.net">miriam.stein@comcast.net</a>

The goal of the Diversity Task Group, set by Town Meeting, is: "We value the diversity of our population. Our Town's mix of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds, as well as economic and personal circumstances, enriches us all. We will be known for the warm welcome and respect we extend to all."